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Editor's Letter

Ogreta W. Huttash wrote the file in the Archives of Ogreta W. Huttash in the Genealogy Section at the Jacksonville, Texas Public Library. Catalog number 929.3764 Hu 344 in the name of in the name of Richardson, Jack beginning on page 75 and ending on page 99. Thanks to Stella Hill Memorial Library, Alto, Texas for permission to print the Photograph on page 78. For more information see "Abner Jewel Richardson" by Erma Richardson, "John William Richardson" by Marilyn Henry Richardson, "The Pioneer Richardson Story" by Erma Richardson, Cherokee County History, 1986, pages 475-476 and William and Amy White Watters by Guynell Kennedy, Cherokee County History, 1986, pages 589-590.

In 1999 Dorothy Elkins Cox and Ogreta W. Huttash corresponded about Mrs. Cox ancestor William James Elkins. Thanks to Mrs. Cox for permission to print her letter on page 100 and the photograph on page 102.

As I had hoped, I have been able to catch up on some of the over due issues of TREE TALK in the last few months. With this issue, I am four months behind. Wish me luck!

Gordon Bennett
Editor
August 2011

Before John W. (Jack) Richardson came to Alto
By Ogreta W. Huttash

(Entries before 1896 may be incomplete My purpose is to try to locate the William Watters land. My opinion is that he never owned or lived east of present FM 851, even though descendants thought it had been in the family since the 1850s. When writing the narrative for Family Land Heritage in 1997, I learned our land came from William C. Watters, not William Watters, the father.

The Government of Coahuila and Texas granted Jose Maria Mora 9 leagues of land 30 October 1833, Deed Record M-101. A league is 4,428 acres, a vast amount of land, over 40,000 acres.

Jose Maria Mora sold to James Bradshaw 18 January 1835 three leagues of land. This is recorded in L-697. This includes the Hardy Wilson Farm located on Fm 241 at Central High.

In January 1845 Neoma Ware applied to probate the will of James Bradshaw. It was dated 23 November 1844 and was witnessed by W. W. Frizzell, William S. Musick, and Dr. A. C. Denson, all respectable citizens. He left Neoma Ware all his property and lands in Texas. This was a deathbed will as Bradshaw had been shot in the stomach by Isaac Reynolds.

Many lawsuits followed, 38 pages of our abstract. This part of the league we are following fell to General James P. Henderson. He died in 1858 and his property fell to his heirs. There are documents signed at the U. S. Consulate in Bordeaux, France and in the Kingdom of Bavaria in Munich, in 1868 and 1870.

At that time, 1870, it was still in that family. His widow deeded this land to her daughter Julia H. Adams, wife of E. W. Adams. The other heir was the daughter Baroness Von Pruschen, wife of Baron Clemens von Pruschen. Later on papers were signed in New York, New York. Still later, the Adams lived in Iberville Parish, Louisiana.

Early in 1872 Julia and E. W. Adams gave power of attorney to James Harper Starr and James F. Starr to sell their lands, and on 4 June 1872 the Adams and their attorneys sold to William C. Watters 149.7 acres of land for \$748.50.

This was the first time a local person ever owned the land, but William C. Watters built his home on the west half of the tract, for which his descendants received the Family Land Heritage designation years ago. This was a dog trot structure which burned in the 1930s.

Now to a sister of William C. Watters, Sarah Etta Watters who married Robert Jordan Ramey in December 1871. They bought from her brother William C. Watters the east half of his tract of land, being 75 acres for \$369 on May 24, 1873. This is recorded in Deed Records Y401 of Cherokee County, Texas. We understand all their children were born on the farm here in the log room on the southeast corner. They used to come by to see where they were born and they always went upstairs to look around.

The Rameys were the first braes to live on the land. They lived there many years before going up into Indian Territory, before finally settling in Dimmitt, Texas. The Rameys sold the 75 acres to my grandmother, Mrs. Bodecia R. Blakey, for \$1,150 on 30 November 1897, and the deed plainly states that she paid for it out of her own separate means!

When Was John W. (Jack) Richardson's House Built? By Ogreta W. Huttash

James R. Richardson built Jack's House and this is an effort to come close to determining the date.

James R. Richardson was born 14 September 1862 and died 28 Oct 1913. He married Sarah Elizabeth Acrey ("Cousin Lizzie") 1 December 1892. She was born 20 June 1872 and died 7 March 1954. They are buried at Harrison—Armstrong Cemetery at Alto, Texas.

James R. would have been age 21 in 1883. Marriage and birth dates. are important as that is when people go out on their own and make their own homeplace.

Sept 1893 he would have been age 31.

Dec 18 92 he and Lizzie married. Where did they live? John William and Catherine had been in their new home on present day US 69 for 20 years.

In February 1891 John William Richardson deeded James R. Richardson 50 acres for \$350 paid, same 50 acres in the Mora grant that Willoughby Manning had sold John W. Richardson in 1870.

The 1910 Census shows

James R. Richardson	47	married 17 years, married only once
Sarah E.	39	2 children, 2 living
John W.	16	
Abner J[ewel]	10	

He would have owned the land before building. So one date is 1891. Probably did not start building until he married in

1892. no land on tax roll

1893. rendered one horse

1894. rendered 69 acres in Mora, valued at \$345. This is the year John William was born.

1895. he rendered 50 acres in Mora. Must have sold the 19 acres.

1896. He rendered 50 acres in Mora, 4 horses and mules, 6 cattle, 13 hogs, 1 wagon, tools etc for a value of \$448.

Abner Jewel was born about 1900 and never lived any other place. Looks to me like it was built 1894 or thereabouts, 1894-1899. Then there were additions, as it is a very large house.

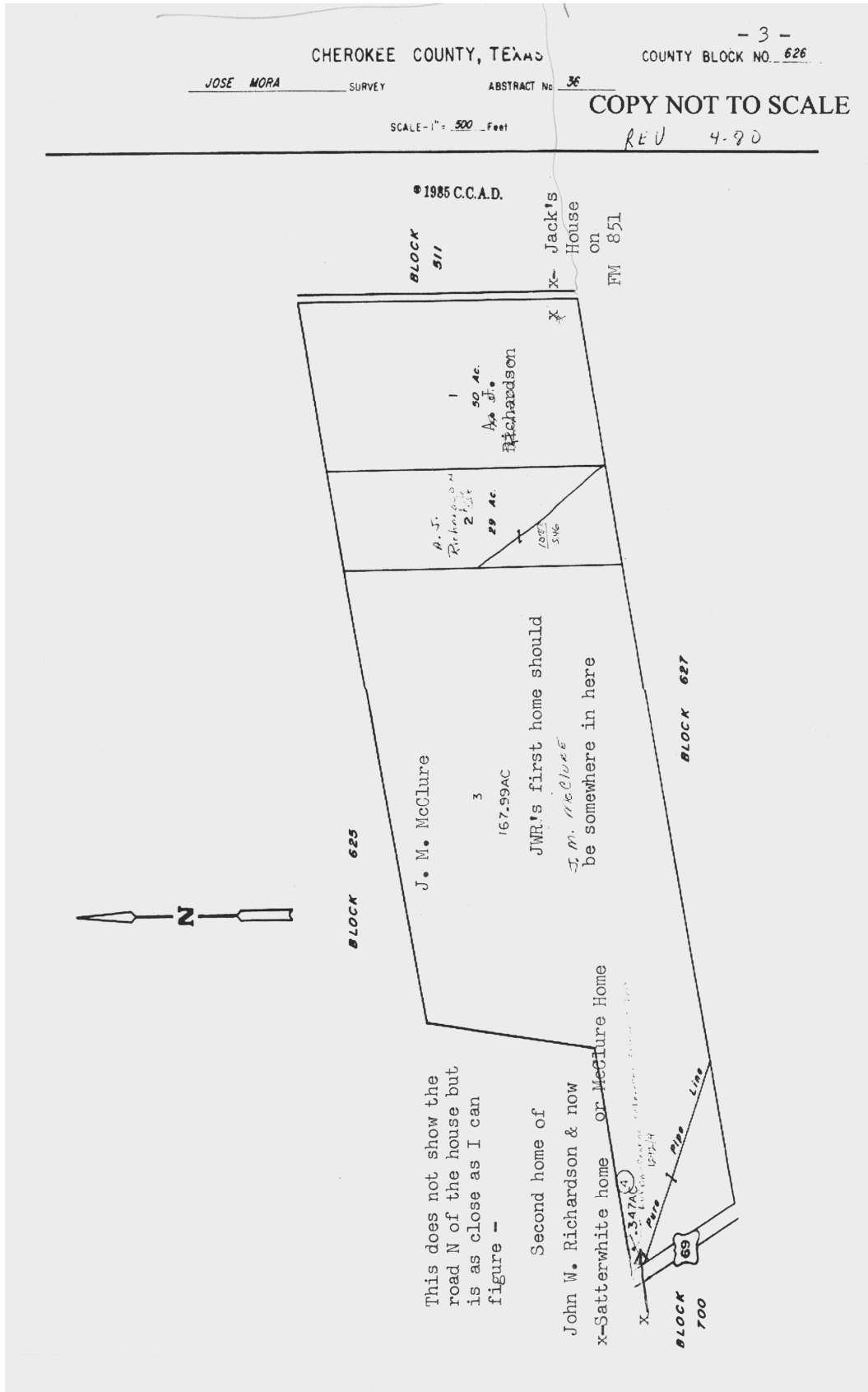
This is the land and house owned by Jack Richardson today, and the house is "one of a kind." They are fading fast from the scene.

For further information, see the red history book of Cherokee County, 1985. The Watters book in Alto Library has Watters and Richardson information. The article by Taritha Richardson in the Uvalde paper in Alto Library was the one source to make it clear about when and where John William Richardson lived, and when he built his new log house (1872) on the highway 69.

Also, there is an article, a long one, by Guynell Kennedy in Records of East Texas, a publication by John W. Wilkins of Lufkin years ago.

The exact location of William Watters home is not clear, but it appears to be near what we called the Lucius Rogers home of a few years back. Maybe one day a map or an abstract will show up. There is proof that he never owned land east of FM 851. He left a vast estate when he died in 1859, but the Civil War changed that and many other things. It was worth about \$30,000 as bond was twice the value of the estate at that time, and bond was \$60,000. He named his 12 children, also, or the settlement did.

John W. (Jack) Richardson's House on County Survey Map



John W. (Jack) Richardson The "New Home" Built in 1872

Seated are Mrs. Ann Catherine Richardson, mother of Mrs. T. Ann Odom, and grandchildren. Standing at rear are Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Satterwhite. Mrs. Satterwhite is Mrs. Odom's sister. Inside the yard is Irene, the colored girl who had been with the family many years. Photo was taken 10 years after Captain Richardson's death. (Caption from the Uvalde Leader-News, Sunday, May 16, 1954.) (Photo by permission of Stella Hill Memorial Library, Alto, Texas August 9, 2011).

"It was about seven years after he [John William Richardson, her father] came from the War that I was born," she continued, "and when I was six months old, we left the old log house where I was born and which was the first house Papa built. He moved us over to the new house he built on the public road."

"On November 14, 1872, when I was 7 months old my two oldest sisters married. Mama said it was freezing cold, and ice all over everything. We used to have some awfully cold winters." Quoted from the Uvalde Leader-News, Sunday, May 16, 1954.

(Most of the interview — but not all — begins on page 357 of the Watters book.)

Ogreta W. Huttash, 9 Feb 2001

John W. (Jack) Richardson
Our Old Home in East Texas



"Our old home in east Texas"

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**Some Deed Records of Interest in Cherokee County, Texas
to John W. (Jack) Richardson and the Watter's Family**

20 Nov 1854 Joseph S. and Margaret Able (X her mark) deeded to William Watters for \$2,100 paid, receipt acknowledged, 700 acres beginning at NW corner of Jose Mora 11 leagues and adjoining 1/3 league survey of Elihu D. Cook, then S to the 300 acres of land sold by Joseph S. Able to R. F. Mitchell, then E then N then to place of beginning, so as to make 700 acres. After the deed was signed, this follows: "Survey of 700 acres of land made for William Watters and part of a league of land granted to Jose Maria Mora on the N side of San Antonio Road. Beginning on NW corner of said league Thence South 1735 varas to a stake...bears W 35 varas distant a post oak thence N 79° E 2280 varas to W boundary line of Rusk and Henderson survey of 2,000 acres a stake from which a black jack 8" in diameter bears N 75° N 7 varas distant then N 1735 varas to NW corner of said Rusk and Henderson survey then S 79° W 2280 varas to beginning. 23 day of November 1854." J-186

NOTE: This Rusk and Henderson survey of 2,000 acres was what they received for working on the Bradshaw case! I overlooked it at first. It is east of present day Texas 851. It reads West Boundary line of Rusk and Henderson survey. This was Thomas J. Rusk and Pinckney J. Henderson, both famous in early Texas. This land was in Jose M. Mora grant, and Bradshaw bought it, plus lots more.

15 Dec 1854 Hiram B. and Martha A. Stephens sold to S. T. Harrison part of the Tillman Walters headright, 163 acres for \$560 paid. Witnesses were Peter King and William Watters. J-341-2

NOTE: a son of S. T. and Ann Harrison was killed when a tree fell on him while their home was being built, 26 October 1855. He was Samuel Mirza, age 7. I think Martha A. Stevens was daughter of Peter King and second wife of Hiram B. Stephens, a veteran of the Texas Revolution, buried at Shiloh Cemetery, Alto, Texas.

26 Nov 1856 William and Amy Watters deeded to William Richardson a 100 acre tract west of William Watters survey of 700 acres purchased from Joseph Ables of the 11 league survey made for Jose M. Mora. The deed was notarized before Sam T. Harrison, [brother—in—law of William Watters, who married Ann White.]

NOTE: The White girls were daughters of John and Catherine (Huff) White of Perry County, Alabama. Another sister, Fanny Margaret, married George Washington Blakey. They stayed in Alabama until the White estate was settled and came in 1856. They were not in the great wagon train and his name was not George Grover Blakey, as has been twice printed. This looks like a "contract for care" as the Richardsons were possibly the main ones to care for the large Watters family with aged parents. Also J. W. Richardson shows on the 1857 tax rolls for the first time and rendered 100 acres of land at \$500; 1 horse \$100, total of \$600, and paid poll tax.

5 Nov 1856 A. G. Criswell sold to John W. Watters 48 acres in E.D. Cook survey in survey of William Watters, plus appurtenances, for \$234. Filed in 1867. S-501

1868 G. W. Richardson sold to John A. Willis of Caddo Parish, Louisiana. (probably J. W. Richardson) U-97

1869 J.W. Richardson to W. B. Hoyt, bond U-289

Jan 1870 J.W. Richardson et al to Joel Elkins, 12 acres, \$140. U-328

**Some Deed Records of Interest in Cherokee County, Texas
To John W. (Jack) Richardson and the Watter's Family**

Book X pages 500-501, Cherokee County, Texas Deed Records

R. J. Watters And J. W. y
Richardson Extrs, to

The State of Texas, Cherokee County

W. Manning

Whereas we R. J. Watters and J. W.

Richardson, Executors-of the last will of William Watters Decd did apply to and and obtain an order from the 'County Court of Cherokee County and State aforesaid at the Obtober term 1868, and whereas in pursuance to said order we the said R J Watters and J W Richardson Extrs as aforesaid after having given the usual legal notices did proceed to sell in the town of Rusk at the Courthouse door within the Legal Hours of sale in the County of Cherokee and State of Texas on to wit the 1st Tuesday in December A.D. 1868, it being the 1st day of said month the following described property belonging to the Estate of Wm Watters decd situated in the County of Cherokee and State of Texas and a part of the Jose M. Mora headright, and part of E. D. Cook Head Right 200 acres lying and situate on the East End of the Homestead" headright of Jose M. Morea — 48 acres adjoining the same a part of the aforesaid E. D. Cook headright containing in all 248 acres and Whereas the above property being offered for sale as aforesaid one Willoughby Manning bid for said property two hundred and forty five (\$245) Dollars it being the highest and best bid for the same the said property was then and there struck to him the said Willoughby Manning and whereas we the said R. J. Watters and J. W. Richardson Executors as aforesaid did make to the county Court of Cherokee a full and complete report of said sale at its December Term A.D. 1868 and said report was approved and ordered to be recorded by the Court said order reads substantially as follows:

"In the matters pertaining to the Estate of William Watters Decd Ordered by the Court that the sale of 753 acres of land belonging to said estate filed in office Dec. 24th 1868 by R. J. Watters one of the Executors the same is examined and approved and ordere to be recorded. It is further ordered by the Court that R. J. Watters and J. W. Richardson Exetrs of the last will and testament of Wm Watters Decd make title to the purchaser mentioned of said report of sale for the respective lots of land purchased by them on the purchaser complying with the Law in such cases made and provided."

Now therefore know all men by these presents that in consideration of the above and foregoing and for the further consideration of the Two hundred and forty five (\$245) Dollars in hand this day by Willoughby Manning executing his certain promissory note for the same, We, R. J. Watters and J. W. Richardson Extrs as aforesaid of the Estate of Wm Watters Decd has in and to the tract of land above described unto Willoughby Manning his heirs and assigns forever to hand and to hold all the rights hereditaments and improvements thereunto belonging and we R. J. Watters and J. W. Richardson

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to John W. (Jack) Richardson and the Watter's Family**

Extrs of aforesaid do warrant the title of said land unto him the said Willoughby Manning his heirs and assigns in as full and complete a manner as we ought or could do as Executors and no further. Given under our hands and seals using scrawls for seals. This 5th day of January A.D. 1869.

Attest

R.H. Guinn

E. L. Gregg

R. J. Watters (seal)

J. W. Richardson (seal)

Executors of last Will of William Watters, Decd The

State of Texas)

County of Cherokee)

Before me W. L. Byrd, Clerk of the District

Court in and for the County of Cherokee, personally

appeared E. L. Gregg, well known to me, and whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing deed as a subscribing witness and upon oath states that he saw R. J. Watters and J. W. Richardson Executors of the Estate of William Watters decd sign seal and deliver the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed, and that he signed the same as such witness at the request of the said R. J. Watters and J. W. Richardson, Executors aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal of office this November 28, A.D. 1870.

W. L. Byrd, C.D.C.

The State of Texas)

County of Cherokee) I hereby certify that the foregoing deed was filed in my office

for record the 28th November 1870 at 4 o'clock p.m. and was duly recorded the 19th day of December 1872 at 4 o'clock p.m. in Book X of deeds &c pages 500 and 501.

Given under my hand and official seal at office in Rusk this 19 December A.D. 1872.

W. L. Byrd C.D.C.

Today we may wonder why it took four long years to get this on record. One place mentions County Court and one reads District Court. Many estates were in probate for many years. One thing to consider is that this was near the end of the Reconstruction period following the Civil War.

This deed very specifically states that 753 acres of land of William Watters were sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse, which goes against all the family stories of each child receiving generous amounts of land !! My first clue was when I learned the son William C. Watters bought land in 1872 from the Adams family, just across the road, so to speak, from the land of his father. If he had inherited land, why would he be out buying? So it goes. owh

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- _____ From Zachariah Watters to Stephen Miller. C2=341
- _____ From J. J. Spain to P. E. Watters, land in E. D. Cook Survey. [He was her father] H2-422
- 25 Oct 1870 From W. L. Manning to J. W. Richardson, for valuable consideration not named, 50 acres out of the SE corner of 700 acre survey for William Watters. Mentions also SE corner of R. J. Watters. 12-232
- NOTE: This is the first time I've found the land coming into the Richardson family, See also X-500 and Volume 6 page 397.
- _____ R. J. Watters, administrator of estate of J. M. Watters deceased, land in Alto S of Old San Antonio Road.[James Madison Watters died March 1862 in Civil War.] They were brothers. 12-250
- Dec. 1889 C. C. and wife Martin sold to William Richardson, 19 acres for \$300 cash. She was S, H. Martin. 22 or Z2-369
- Nov. 1870 Isaac Martin sold to William Richardson V-171
- 1879 Z. R. Watters sold to Willis Richardson. L2-437
- 26 Nov 1887 F. E. Selman and wife Alice sold R. E. Richardson 68 acres of land in Helena Kimble league for \$250 paid. 6-343
- 16 Feb 1891 J. W. Richardson sold to Taritha A. Richardson for \$10,60 acres on Bowles Creek 9 miles SE of Rusk in Tillman Walters league, beginning at NE corner of said league. A. C. Harrison. notary. 6-395
- 16 Feb 1891 J. W. Richardson sold to James R. Richardson for \$350 paid, part of 700 acre survey of William Watters, same 50 acres sold him by W. L. Manning in 1870. A. C. Harrison, notary. 6-397
- 10 Feb 1891 J. W. Richardson to Laura A. Richardson for \$10 to his daughter (to James R. Richardson in trust for Laura A. Richardson) 19 acres. Mentions Isaac Martin survey and Rusk to Alto road. 6-398
- 1895 John A. Guinn to R. E. Richardson 9-606
- 1898 R. E. Richardson to F. E. Selman 15-576
- Sept 1902 L. T. Moore sold to James R. Richardson, land across the road East of FM 851. 19/371
- _____ James R. Richardson to W. S. Satterwhite 19/594

**Some Tax Rolls regarding
John W. (Jack) Richardson**

These are very hard to read.

- 1856 William Watters paid a poll tax, state tax 500, county tax 250.
- 1857 J. W. Richardson, taxpayer 677, rendered 100 acres at \$500,
1 horse \$100, total \$600. Paid poll tax, state tax \$1.40, and county
tax 700.
- 1858 J. W. Richardson, taxpayer 697, rendered 100 acres in Mora, \$500,
2 horses \$100, paid poll, state and county taxes.
William C. Watters, 1 poll
- 1859 J. W. Richardson 100 acres in Mora, \$500.
J. W. Watters, 50 acres in E. D. Cook survey
- 1860 J. W. Richardson, 100 acres in Mora, \$700.
- 1861 J. W. Richardson as guardian for Margaret Natters, 100 acres \$700
J. W. Richardson and James Watters, executors of William Watters
Estate: 600 acres in Mora, \$3,000
 48 acres in E D Cook \$ 200
 153 acres in Van Sickle 460
- NOTE: 1st item probably reads and as guardian &c
- 1862 J. W. Richardson as agent for J. W. Watters, 50 ac at \$150 in Mora
50 ac at \$150 in Cook.

spot checking

- 1867 R. J. Watters, administrator of estate of J. M. Watters, 193 acres
in Angelina County and 308 acres in Houston County. [He died in
1862 in the Civil War]
- 1872 J. W. Richardson rendered 250 acres in Mora, \$1,200 and 140 acres
in Van Sickle, \$105, 6 horses at \$300, 25 cattle at \$75, 12 sheep at \$24, Miscellaneous \$175,
also 4 cattle \$16, for a Total of \$1,879.
- 1881 Willis Richardson, 35 acres in VanSickle, \$100
R. E. Richardson, no land, 1 poll (maybe a horse)
J. W. Richardson, 250 acres in Mora \$1,000; 1 buggy \$30;
4 mules or horses \$200; 15 cattle \$60.
- 1883 same as above (though.. J.R. may be on it)
- 1884 J. W. Richardson rendered 250 acres in Mora \$1,000
60 acres in Tillman Walters 120
other as in 1882
- 1885 J. W. Richardson rendered 250 acres in Mora and 60 acres in
Tillman Walters, \$1,000 and \$120 respectively
J. R. Richardson and R. E. Richardson each paid a poll tax.

**Some Tax Rolls regarding
John W. (Jack) Richardson**

1886J.	W. Richardson rendered 250 acres in Mora at \$ 1,000 and in Tillman Walters, 60 acres	120
	T. F. Richardson, 1 poll tax	
	J. R. Richardson, 1 poll tax	
	R. E. Richardson, 1 poll tax	
1893	J. W. Richardson rendered 200 acres in Mora	\$ 1, 200
	2 carriages or wagons	80
	4 horses or mules	160
	15 cattle	60
	20 hogs at \$2 each	40
	Miscellaneous	<u>10</u>
		\$ 1,530
	J. W. Richardson as agent for Pollie Martin, 325 acres in Mora	1,625
	Willis Richardson, 1 poll	
	James R. Richardson, 1 horse \$40	
	Edmon Richardson, 1 poll tax	
	R. E. Richardson, 68 acres in Mora	\$ 500
	1 carriage or buggy or wagon	20
	Tools, implements	40
	3 horses or mules	150
	12 cattle	48
	14 hogs	14
	Miscellaneous	<u>7</u>
		\$ 779

**Some Tax Rolls regarding
John W. (Jack) Richardson**

1893 Tax Roll — WATTERS

	Zachariah R. Wafters, 122 acres in Ruddle Survey,	\$ 122
	200 acres in Mora	1,000
	William C. Watters, 75 acres in Mora	
	Zachariah R. Watters as agent for M.E. Watters	
	25 acres (or W.E.)	500
	R. J. Watters rendered 100 acres in E. D. Cook	blank)
	150 acres in Mora	1,000
	R. J. Watters as agent for J. M. Watters, 12 acres	12
<u>1894</u>	James R. Richardson rendered 69 acres in Mora,	\$345
	R. E. Richardson rendered 68 acres in Mora	\$500
	J. W. Richardson rendered 200 acres in Mora	1,200
	J. w. Richardson as agent for Pollie B. Martin, 325 acres in Mora	\$ 1,500
	J. W. Richardson agent for T. A. Richardson	
	60 acres in Tillman Walters	\$ 150.
<u>1895</u>	J. W. Richardson, 200 acres in Mora	\$ 1,000.
	J. W. Richardson as agent for Pollie B. Martin 325 acres in Mora	\$ 1,500
	J. R. Richardson, 50 acres in Mora	\$ 250.
	R. E. Richardson, 118 acres in Mora	900.
<u>1896</u>	R. E. Richardson, 118 acres in Mora	800.
	5 horses and mules	250.
	5 cattle	60.
	1 jack and jennets	200.
	20 hogs	20.
	waggon or buggy	20.
	Tools and implements	25.
	Manufactured articles	20.
		\$ 1,395.
	J. R. Richardson, 50 acres in Mora	\$ 250.
	4 horses and mules	100.
	13 hogs, \$13; 6 cattle, \$30	43.
	1 wagon	25.
	Miscellaneous	20.
	manufactured, as tools	<u>20.</u>
		\$ 1448.

**Some Tax Rolls regarding
John W. (Jack) Richardson**

J. W. Richardson, 219 acres in Mora	\$1,000.
60 acres in Tillman Walters	120.
6 horses and mules	200.
12 cattle	60.
15 hogs	15.
2 carriages or buggy	60.
Miscellaneous	<u>10.</u>
	\$1,465.

This tax roll shows from whom and how acquired on the land.

- R. E. Richardson, from Selman and Guinn by deed
- J. R. Richardson, from J. W. Richardson by deed
- J. W. Richardson, from Martin and Ables by deed and
60 acres from Bonner by deed

<u>1897</u>	R. E. Richardson, 118 acres in Mora Svy	\$ 600
	5 horses and mules	250
	19 cattle	95.
	1 jack or jennet	150.
	25 goats	25.
	Miscellaneous	5.
	1 carriage or wagon	50.
	manufactured articles	
	Total taxable	1,190.
	J. R. Richardson, 50 acres in Mora Svy	250.
	4 horses and mules	100.
	8 cattle	40.
	10 goats	10.
	2 carriages or wagons	50.
	Miscellaneous	15.
	Total taxable	\$ 465.
	Mrs. J. W. Richardson, 219 ac in Mora	\$ 1,000.
	60 acres in Tillman Walters	120.
	8 horses and mules	200.
	8 cattle	40.
	15 hogs	15.
	1 carriage or buggy	40.
	Miscellaneous	5.
		\$ 1,420.

This was as far as I copied, as it shows what John W. Richardson owned when he died. OWH

**Some Census Records regarding
John W. (Jack) Richardson, William Watters and Relatives**

Cherokee County, Texas 1860

#30 Farmer

Richardson, J. W.	34 m	born in Ala.	John William
A. C.	29 f	Ala.	Ann Catherine
E. J.	8 f	Ala.	Emma
M. J.	6 f	Texas	Mary Jane
P. A.	4 f	Texas	Fidelia A.
E.	3 m	Texas	Reuben Epamonindas "Bud"
W. T.	6/12 m	Texas	William T.

#31 Farmer

Watters, William	50 m	Georgia	On Mortality Schedule
A.	50 f	Georgia	Amy (White)
John (waggoner)	27 m	Ala.	John White
Reuben	23 m	Ala.	Samuel Reuben Jacksoh
M. E. (idiotic)	20 f	Ala.	Margaret Elizabeth
M. C.	19 m	Ala.	Malachi Calhoun
P. P.	18 f	Ala.	Penelope Petura
W. C.	15 m	Ala.	William Cornelius
Z. R.	14 m	Ala.	Zachariah Reeves
A. B.	12 f	Ala.	Amy Balsora
S. E.	9 6/12	Ala.	Sarah Etta

#42

Harrison, S. T.	50 m	Kentucky	Samuel Turner
Ann	48 f	Georgia	Ann (White)
J. M. (farmer)	22 m	Alabama	
A. C. (student)	18 m	Alabama	Absalom Clinton
A. E.	16 f	Alabama	
M. E.	13 f	Alabama	
A.	9f	Alabama	

1870 Federal Census

#14

Richardson, John W.	44 m	Alabama	
Ann C.	38 f	Alabama	
Emma J.	17 f	Alabama	
Mary J.	16 f	Texas	
Delia A.	14 f	Texas	
Reuben E.	12 m	Texas	
William T.	10 m	Texas	
James R.	7 m	Texas	
George S.	4 m	Texas	
John	5/12 m	Texas	December
Watters, Margaret	30 F	Alabama	Idiot

**Some Census Records regarding
John W. (Jack) Richardson, William Watters and Relatives**

#4 Farmer

Watters, Zachariah	26 m	Alabama
Mary S.	19 f	
Reuben J.(farmer)	32 m	
William C.(farmer)	24 m	

Neighbors are #5 Wm H. Findley, #6 George W. Knox, #7 Malachi Watters and family, #8 George W. Pearson, #9 Henry Allison black and mulatto family, #10 Margaret Matthews, #11 Isaac Allison (black family), #12 King Tyler (black family).

1880 Census of Cherokee County, Texas
page 97 - Central High Community area #272

Manning, Willoughby L	34	Miss.
Rebecca	27	Texas
Ida M.	8	Texas
Oscar L.	7	Texas
Samuel W.	5	Texas
Frederick H.	4	Texas
Frank	2	Texas
* Anna	6 mos.	Texas

* Did she marry T. Fitts?

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#277

Richardson, William	54	Ala Ga
Ann	48	Texas (error)
William T.	20	Texas
James R.	17	Texas
Taritha	8	Texas
Laura	5	Texas
Watters, Margaret	46	

Research Notes from Perry County, Alabama 1850 Federal Census
Res. 65 page 347 Farmer \$700

BLAKEY, George W.	33 m	Ga
Frances M.	33 f	Ga [Fanny White]
Thurstlen A.	8 m	Ala [Athelston]
Adolphus P.	6 m	Ala [Paleologus Adolphus]
Barbaby C. R.	4 f	Ala [Bodecia Rosana] married Dr. A.F. Wilson

#55 Radfordsville Beat, Farmer \$840

WHITE, John	28 m	Ala
Mary E.	20 f	Ala
Pella	9/12 f	Ala
WHITE, Catherine	60 f	Ga

**Some Census Records regarding
John W. (Jack) Richardson, William Watters and Relatives**

#43

WATTERS, Ann	9 or) 69 VA	\$3,200
RADFORD, Elizabeth	94 VA	

Above Catherine White in household of John White is the mother of the three White girls who came to Alto, Texas. John is a son, Fanny is a daughter. The Ann Watters and Elizabeth Radford are unknown to me —just look like kinfolks to the Watters family.

These area just a few scattered names of interest.

Note that above John White was the son of John White, who was also the son of another John White, our Revolutionary War ancestor by his first wife whose name is unknown to us. His second wife was Barsheba Gunter (or similar — no time to check now)

#55 Farmer \$840

WHITE, John	28 m	Ala
Mary E.	20 f	"
Pella	9/i2 f	"
WHITE, Catherine	60 f	Ga

#56 \$800

#56 WHITE, James	36 m	Ga
Mary R	26 f	Ala
Martha J	8 f	"
Sullivan H	7 m	"
Perry S	6 m	"
Nancy O	5 f	"
Lockett	3 m	"
Hezekiah	3/12 m	"

#57 CROFT', Wm H	26 m	Ala
Lucy	22 f	"
John	3 m	"
James	2 m	"

#58 CASS, Thomas	65 m	Va
Haney	55 f	Ga
CROSS, James F	18 m	Ala

#59

FORD, John F	49 m	Ga
William T	35 m	Ga
Absalom	32 m	Ga
James M	30 m	Ga
Elizabeth	37 f	Ga

**Some Census Records regarding
John W. (Jack) Richardson, William Watters and Relatives**

#60

RADFORD, Sarah	46 f	N.C.
Susan A	20 f	Ala
George J	18 m	"
Levi M	16 m	"
Amey P	15 f	"
Eli B	14 m	"
Nancy B	11 f	"
Sarah C	9 f	"

This is all we photocopied.

1860 FC Radfordsville, this one was just before John White.

#51 RICHARDSON, Thomas 61 m Georgia

Mary wife	54 f	Ga
George E	20 m	Ala
James M	16 m	"
Rebecca F	14 f	"
Eliza J 1	3 f	"
JOHNSON, Elizabeth J widow	31 f	Ala
Francy C	13 f	"
John C	12 m	"
William T	10 m	"

1860 FC Perry Co. Radfordsville Beat

#52 REV \$2000 PERS \$9956

WHITE, John	38 m	Ala
Mary E	30 m	Ala wife
William M	8 m	"
Sarah A	6 f	"
Susan A	4 f	"
Mary E. A.	2 f	"

#53 - Robert A. Harris, 47 S C, & 7 others

**Some Census Records regarding
John W. (Jack) Richardson, William Watters and Relatives**

#54

WHITE, James	45 m Ga REV 2000, \$5000
Mary	40 f Ala
Sullivan	18 m "
Perry S	16 m "
Nancy	14 f "
Napoleon	12 m "
Hezekiah	10 m "
Milton	4 m "
Lucy	2 f "
LOCKETT, Abner H.	15 m " [son of Elizabeth White]

#615 Mary Locket 8/12 i Born in Ala is listed in AIS - Heads of Families Index. She prob. should have been enumerated before the "storehouse" and belongs here.

LOCKETT, Napoleon	47 m VA
M. C.	45 f VA domestic
Powhattan	25 m VA Lawyer
M M	21 f Ala domestic
W A	20 m "
L W	17 f " student
M S	15 f "
Napoleon	14 m
F S	11 f "
H W	9 m "
C C	7 m "
B C	5 f "
H M	2 "
L H	23 m Va
C C	17 f Va domestic
J B	70 f Va domestic
Mary	8/12 f Ala

Napoleon Lockett had \$15,000 REV
\$202,600 Personal Property

#455 HENSON, Geo W 25 Ala
wife and 2 young children, also

LOCKETT, Perry 20 m Ala Laborer

William Watters Will

Copied from loose papers in Box 50 -51, 1 February 2001, by Ogreta W. Huttash.

William Watters original will is still there, on blue paper, and the inventory and appraisement are attached. I was looking for a description of the land, in vain, but found the list of money due in, which I'd never read.

INVENTORY	
600 acres of land	\$3,600.00
153 acres of land	459.00
(15 slaves or so named here)	
37 head of cattle at \$6	36.00
1 steer	12.00
75 head hogs	1.25
18 head of sheep at \$3	54.00
4 yoke oxen at \$50	200.00
one ox	25.00
1 large mare mule	140.00
1 small mare mule	125.00
1 bay horse 15about	\$170.00
1 paint horse	100.00
1 iron gray colt	50.00
175 bu corn at 1 bits	262.50
1,000 lbs fodder	10.00
75 ? oats at 400	30.00
75 bu wheat at 1.50	412.50
20 bu rye at 1.25	25.00
6 beef hides at 1.50	9.00
old wagon bed	50.00
new wagon and frame	100.00
1 lot blacksmith tools	25.00
1 carriage	75.00
Farming utensils	100.00
3 log chains	4.50
350 lbs bacon at 200	70.00
100 lbs lard at 200	20.00
32 gals molasses at 750	22.50
household and kitchen furnitur	300.00
single barrel shot gun	5.00
double barrel shot gun	25.00
2/3 box window glass	2.50
nails	1.50
30 lbs wool	10.00
amounting in all to: (blank)	
 List of claims due William Watters 29 June 1860:	
E. D. Manning, due 5 Dec 1860	55.00
One claim for about \$170.00 in hands of John White, administrator, of the estate of John White, deceased, money comiig to Mrs. Amy Watters, the wife of William Watters, deceased	\$170.00
One account on John W. Watters	150.00
TOTAL	\$ 375.00

Appraisers were Robert Green, C.F.(?) Polk, and A. M. Linard.

Will of Evan Evans

From Probate Minute Book A, Cherokee County, Texas

Will of Evan Evans

The application to probate this will dated 3 January 1874 was filed 15 November 1879, and Evan Evans is on the 1880 Mortality Schedule.

State of Texas

County of Cherokee)

Know all men by these presents that the great uncertainty of life, Therefore for the great love I have and bear toward my two sons E. G. Evans and for Calvin Evans, I do therefore bequeath unto them all my property both personal & real at my death & should I dye before them then and in case of their death before myne then and in that event my property is to be divided equally between my other heirs which I have by my lawful - - - Nancy Evans, decd as the heirs of her body & I do appoint Edward Evans my true & lawful executor to carry out the contents and design of this my last will and testament and all the acts my said exector may do in order to carry out this spirit and title of these presents shall be legal and binding.

Given under my hand and seal using scroll for seal on this January 3d day of January 1874 one thousand Eight hundred and seventy-four.

In the presence of
Henry H. Huston
G. B. Cook

Evan Evans (scroll for seal)

Comment: This probate minute book has no index, so these nearly 700 pages are like a can with no can opener. There are no loose papers on file. Perhaps later on in the book there will be final settlement and distribution.

This applies only to descendants of R. E. "Bud" Richardson and his wife whose marriage record was recorded in 2000 after being unrecorded in the Courthouse at Rusk for 128 years. It is now on record. Bud married Emma Eudora Woolley, daughter of Justin Woolley and Amelia Evans. Amelia was daughter of above Evans Evans and Nancy Selman. Amelia married first Elias Walker, then Justin Woolley. She is buried in Evans Cemetery north of Linwood, Alto, Texas.

R. E. Richrdson and Miss Emma Woolly Marriage License

Mr. R.E. Richardson to Miss Emma Woolly #/2

STATE OF TEXAS, }
CHEROKEE COUNTY.

To any Judge, Justice of the Peace, or regularly ordained Minister of the Gospel:

You are hereby authorized to solemnize the

rites of MATRIMONY

between Mr. R.E. Richardson and Miss Emma Woolly
and due return make hereof within sixty days after solemnization.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Rush, this 25th
day of December A. D. 1878.

COPY

Clerk District Court Cherokee County.

I do hereby certify that I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between the above
parties on the 26th day of December A. D. 1878.



(Book H page 416)

m. a. Byrd J. W. Martin, M. G.



Ogreta Wilson Huttash

LINEAGE

Ogreta Wilson Huttash being duly sworn
(Full name of applicant)

I was born on 03 December 1922 at Alto, Cherokee Co., TX
 married on 19 June 1947 at Alto, Cherokee Co., TX
 to Raymond Gaylord Huttash born on 05 Feb 1914 at Pratt, Kansas
~~died or divorced~~ 22 Dec 1963

I am the daughter of

2. Hardiman Wilson born 05 Oct 1882 at Alto, Cherokee Co., TX
 died at Alto, Cherokee Co., TX on 29 June 1930 and his (first or ^{only}) wife
James Teague Gaston born 04 Jan 1897 at Alto, Cherokee Co., TX
 died at Jacksonville, Cherokee Co on 17 Jan 1967 Married - date 10 Dec 1921
 Place Alto, Cherokee Co TX

3. The said Hardiman Wilson 520432 + 460 was the child of
Dr. Albert Freeman Wilson born 01 Jan 1834 at Chester Dst, S C
 died at Alto, Cherokee Co., TX on 17 Sept 1913 and his (first or ^{only}) wife
Bodecia Rosana Blakey born 01 Dec 1845 at Perry County AL
 died at Alto, Cherokee Co TX on 05 Nov 1907 Married - date 20 March 1867
 Place Alto, Cherokee Co TX

4. The said Bodecia Rosana Blakey 520432 + 460 was the child of
George Washington Blakey born 22 Sept 1816 at Wilkes Co Ga
 died at Mt Vernon, Franklin Co TX on 08 Aug 1898 and his (first or ^{only}) wife
Fanny Margaret White born 06 March 1816 at Georgia
 died at Rusk, Cherokee Co TX on 06 Mar 1871 Married - date 14 Nov 1839
 Place Perry Co AL

5. The said Fanny Margaret White Will settle was was the child of
John White born 31 July 1783 at Ga or Va
 died at Perry Co AL on 24 Jan 1843 and his (first or ^{only}) wife
Catherine prob. HUFF born 1790 at Elbert Co GA
 died at Perry Co AL on 1858 Married - date ca 1804/5
 Place Elbert Co GA

6. The said John White Will was the child of
John White born 20 Oct 1749 at N.C.
 died at Jasper Co GA on 08 Oct 1823 and his (first or) wife
~~unknown now X~~ orf _____ at _____
 died at _____ on Before June 1805 Married - date ca 1769/70
 Place Va or NC

Jack Kenneth Richardson, Jr. Ancestor Chart

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Ogretta W. Huttash
 Address 1502 South Jackson
 City, State Jacksonville TX 75766-3026
 Date 30 May 2001

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

Chart No. 1

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Abner Jewel Richardson
 (Father of No. 2)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. 1929
 d. 11 Mar 1989
 p.d. _____

2 Jack Kenneth Richardson
 (Father of No. 1)

b. 31 July 1932
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

5 Ila Erma McConnell
 (Mother of No. 2)

b. 14 Sep 1907
 p.b. Louisiana
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

1 Jack Kenneth Richardson, Jr.

b. 15 Jan 1964
 p.b. Angelina County, Texas
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

6 Tommie Manning Fitts
 (Father of No. 3)

b. 15 May 1904
 p.b. Cherokee County, TX
 m. 09 Dec 1926
 d. 11 Dec 1991
 p.d. _____

3 Syble Marie Fitts
 (Mother of No. 1)

b. 17 Jan 1937
 p.b. Alto TX
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

7 Dott Alldredge
 (Mother of No. 3)

b. 03 June 1904
 p.b. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

Jana Parker
 (Spouse of No. 1)

b. _____ d. _____
 p.b. _____ p.d. _____

8 James R. Richardson
 (Father of No. 4)

b. 16 Sep 1862
 p.b. Alto, TX
 m. 1 Dec 1892
 d. 28 Oct 1913
 p.d. Alto, TX

9 Sarah Elizabeth Acrey
 (Mother of No. 4)

b. 20 Jun 1872
 p.b. 7 Mar 1954
 d. _____
 p.d. Alto TX

10 Horace McConnell
 (Father of No. 5)

b. 24 May 1877
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. 20 Jan 1963
 p.d. 11 at Alto TX

11 Elma
 (Mother of No. 5)

b. 14 July 1888
 p.b. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

12 Thomas Hollis Fitts
 (Father of No. 6)

b. 4 Sep 1866
 p.b. Nacogdoches Co. TX
 m. 19 Jan 1890
 d. 29 July 1906
 p.d. _____

13 Anna Laura Manning
 (Mother of No. 6)

b. 05 Dec 1869
 p.b. _____
 d. 27 Jan 1951
 p.d. Alto TX

14 Alldredge
 (Father of No. 7)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

15 _____
 (Mother of No. 7)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

16 John W. Richardson

b. 23 May 1826
 m. 23 Oct 1851
 d. 17 May 1896-Alto, TX

17 Ann Catherine Watters
 (Mother of No. 8)

b. 28 Aug 1833
 d. 10 Sep 1906-Alto, TX

18 Acrey
 (Father of No. 9)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

19 _____
 (Mother of No. 9)

b. _____
 d. _____

20 McConnell
 (Father of No. 10)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

21 _____
 (Mother of No. 10)

b. _____
 d. _____

22 _____
 (Father of No. 11)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

23 _____
 (Mother of No. 11)

b. _____
 d. _____

24 Edward Melton Fitts

b. 26 Jun 1826
 m. 15 Jun 1848 Nacogdoches
 d. 15 January 1913

25 Belinda Groce Lee
 (Mother of No. 12)

b. 16 Feb 1831
 d. 15 Feb 1874
 (Texas)

26 Willoughby L. Manning
 (Father of No. 13)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

27 Rebecca Meredith
 (Mother of No. 13)

b. _____
 d. _____

28 Alldredge
 (Father of No. 14)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

29 _____
 (Mother of No. 14)

b. _____
 d. _____

30 _____
 (Father of No. 15)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

31 _____
 (Mother of No. 15)

b. _____
 d. _____

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James R. Richardson Ancestor chart

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Ogreta W. Huttash Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 8 on chart No. 1 Chart No. 2

Address 1502 South Jackson

City, State Jacksonville TX 75766-3026

Date 30 May 2001

16 _____ (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)

17 _____ (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)

18 _____ (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)

19 _____ (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)

20 _____ (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)

21 _____ (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)

22 _____ (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)

23 _____ (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)

24 Watters _____ (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)

25 _____ (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)

26 _____ (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)

27 _____ (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)

28 John White _____ (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)

29 _____ (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)

30 _____ (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)

31 Mrs. Amy Buckley _____ (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)

4 Thomas Richardson _____ (Father of No. 2)

8 _____ (Father of No. 4)

9 _____ (Mother of No. 4)

10 John Holmes _____ (Father of No. 5)

11 _____ (Mother of No. 5)

12 Samuel Watters _____ (Father of No. 6)

13 _____ (Mother of No. 6)

14 John White _____ (Father of No. 7)

15 Catherine Huff _____ (Mother of No. 7)

2 John William Richardson _____ (Father of No. 1)

5 Mary Holmes _____ (Mother of No. 2)

6 William Watters _____ (Father of No. 3)

7 Amy White _____ (Mother of No. 3)

1 James R. Richardson

3 Ann Catherine Watters _____ (Mother of No. 1)

135 Sarah Elizabeth Acrey _____ (Spouse of No. 1)

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1803 Georgia, Washington co Perry Co., Alabama

23 May 1826 23 Oct 1851 Perry Co AL 17 May 1896 Alto TX

16 Sept 1862 Alto, Cherokee Co., Texas 1913

21 Sep 1805 Georgia 11 Dec 1859 Alto TX

28 Aug 1833 Perry County, Alabama 10 Sep 1906

14 Jan 1810 23 Mar 1860 Alto TX

1790 Elbert Co GA Elbert Co GA 1858 Perry Co AL

20 Oct 1749 ca 1769/70 Va or NC 08 Oct 1823 Jasper Co GA unknown now before 1803 (his #2 marriage) James Huff

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Thomas Hollis Fitts Ancestor Chart

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Ogreta W. Huttash Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 12 on chart No. 1. Chart No. 3

Address 1502 South Jackson

City, State Jacksonville TX 75766-3026

Date 30 May 2001

16 Fitts
b. (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
m.
d.

8 Fitts
(Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

17
b. (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
d.

4 Fitts
(Father of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

18
b. (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
m.
d.

9
(Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

19
b. (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
d.

2 Edward Melton Fitts, Sr. #1
(Father of No. 1)
b. 26 June 1826
p.b. South Carolina
m. 15 June 1848 Nacogdoches TX
d. 15 Jan 1913 Alto TX
p.d. bu Old Palestine Cemetery

10 Curry
(Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

20
b. (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
m.
d.

5 Mary Curry (from d.c.)
(Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

11
(Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

21
b. (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
d.

22
b. (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
m.
d.

1 Thomas Hollis Fitts
b. 04 Sep 1866
p.b. Nacogdoches County TX
m. 19 Jan 1890
d. 29 July 1906
p.d. Alto TX

12 Isaac Lee (Sr.)
(Father of No. 6)
ca 1770
b.
p.b.
m. 1836
d. near Brenham, Texas
p.d.

23
b. (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
d.

24 Lee
(Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
m.
d.

6 Isaac Lee
(Father of No. 3)
b. 08 Feb 1799
p.b. Clarke County, Georgia
m. 25 Dec 1822 in Arkansas
d. 04 Oct 1880
p.d. Alto TX - bu Shiloh Cem.

13 Nancy - -
(Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

25
b. (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
d.

26
b. (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
m.
d.

3 Belinda Groce Lee
(Mother of No. 1)
b. 16 Feb 1831
p.b. Sabine County, Texas
d. 15 Feb 1874
p.d. Alto TX - bu Old Palestine

14 Joshua Groce
(Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b. North Carolina
m.
d. 13 Sept 1833
p.d. San Augustine TX

27
b. (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
d.

28 Groce
(Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
m.
d.

7 Mary "Polly" Groce
(Mother of No. 3)
b. 01 Jan 1804
p.b. Kentucky
d. 24 Nov 1845
p.d. Nacogdoches TX
Oak Grove Cemetery

15
(Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

29
b. (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
d.

30
b. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
m.
d.

31
b. (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
d.

b. d.
p.b. p.d.

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From the Archives of Ogreta W. Huttash in the Genealogy Section at the Jacksonville, Texas Public Library. Catalog number 929.3764 Hu 344 in the name of in the name of Richardson, Jack.

William James Elkins

Dorothy Elkins Cox
1019 Sugar Mountain Court
Sugar Land, TX 77478-2759

May 26, 1999

Ms. Ogreta Huttash
1502 S Jackson St
Jacksonville TX 75766-3026

Dear Ms. Huttash:

Received your research work on my William James Elkins. I appreciate your efforts on my behalf.

I must say that I was surprised at the findings. I am the youngest of 6 kids of my Dad, William C. Elkins and Mother, Sophia Wilson Elkins. My sisters aren't going to like it, you know being the oldest they know best. The way I see it, family traditions are one thing but legal proof is something else. It is hard to convince some who do not do research that stories are not always the facts.

I had often wondered how he had the finances to own a general store. He left Wharton, Wharton County, Tx after the 1900 hurricane destroyed the cotton gin he was buying from his mother-in-law, to go to Jacksonville where a cousin was living. If there was insurance on the property, it probably went to pay the loan. Maybe someday I will learn the identity of this cousin. It would seem that he was managing this store or was an employee. Well, I must go back and rewrite his story.

*JT
Elkins*

I did know that Francis Crawford was the son of Nancy Cornelia Crawford. One of my sisters met him at an Episcopal Church meeting once. He introduced himself to her.

The Helen Crawford that you mentioned in the letter, is she related to Francis Crawford?

no

I have a picture of Nancy and William J. Elkins sitting on the steps of their home. I'll see if it will reproduce well enough to send you.

Well, anyway, you have helped me a lot and I appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Dorothy
Dorothy Elkins Cox

William James Elkins

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y

Dorothy Elkins Cox, 1019 Sugar Mountain Court, Sugarland TX 77478-2759 JUNE 7, 1999

William J. Elkins married Mrs. Nancy Crawford in 1903 in Cherokee County, Texas, second marriage for both. He was born 11 June 1855 in Russell County, Alabama and died 23 Dec 1930 in Jacksonville, Texas. Buried beside first wife in Wharton, Texas.

PURPOSE; to identify the store in a picture Cox sent and its location

RESULT; Our historians could not identify it, but MY BELIEF is that there was a store and he owned the stock but not the building This is supported by my re—reading the tax rolls, a most difficult task, on our poor equipment here which does not show the entire page. BUT the names are easier to read than on any machine because of the high magnification.

1902 — Mrs. Nannie Crawford rendered 144 acres in James Ford Survey, \$900, 2 horses or mules \$125, TOTAL \$1,025. Page 34, taxpayer 13.

W. J. Elkins not found for 1900, 1901, or 1902.

1903 —Mrs. Nannie Crawford rendered 144 acres in James Ford Survey, TOTAL \$1,000. Page 37-38, taxpayer 27.

W. J. Elkins rendered 5 hogs at \$1 each and GOODS, WARES AND MERCHANDISE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, \$900, TOTAL \$905. page 53-54, taxpayer #1.

1904— W. J. Elkins rendered GOODS, WARES &c \$500, Total \$505. Taxpayer # 32
Mrs. N. C. Elkins rendered 143 acres in James Ford Survey, \$1,000, TOTAL 1,080 Taxpayer #33

1905 — W. J. Elkins rendered GOODS, WARES AND MERCHANDISE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION \$595, Taxpayer #9

Mrs. N. C. Elkins rendered 143 acres in James Ford Svy. \$1,000 and some livestock, Total \$1,055.

1908 — W. J. Elkins rendered 2 horses \$75, 7 cattle \$40, 2 wagons \$75. TOTAL \$190.

W. J. Elkins as agent for Mrs. N. C. Elkins, 143¹/₂ acres in James Ford Survey, \$1,430

LOOKS LIKE HE SOLD HIS STORE CONTENTS.

1909 — W. J. Elkins — about the same — Total \$200. Taxpayer #18 (page not visible)

W. J. Elkins as agent for Mrs. N. C. Elkins —143¹/₂ acres in James Ford Survey \$1,430, a horse \$40, wagon \$20, other miscellaneous \$30, TOTAL \$1,520.

1910 —Mrs.N. C.Elkins 143¹/₂ acres in James Ford Survey \$1,430, Taxpayer #5, page number ? W. J. Elkins 2 horses \$50, 1 wagon \$10, TOTAL \$60. Taxpayer # 6

Page numbers not visible on our local microfilm reader,a real antique.

W. J. Elkins and wife are not on the 1910 printed census by the Gen. Society. Not on

1910 Soundex at Tyler (that I could find)

The County Clerk says there is no will on record for him, so the estate would be settled on deed records.

Checked deeds and bought 3 pages, previously sent.

Ogreta W. Huttash, Jacksonville TX 75766

William James Elkins Store



Nannie C. Elkins, et al deed to M.L. Smelley

#57388

Mrs. Nannie Elkins, et al., --#

Warranty Deed

M. L. Smiley-----#

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CHEROKEE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That We, Mrs. Nannie Elkins, a fame sole, G. L. Elkins and wife, Nancy Elkins, Will C. Elkins and wife, Sophie Elkins and Verra Carson and husband, Edd Carson, of the County of Cherokee, State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1500) DOLLARS to us paid, and secured to be paid, by L. L. Smelley as follows; One Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,000.00) cash in hand the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and confessed, and the further execution by the said M. L. Smalley of his two promissory notes, in the sum of 250.00 each; note no. 1, due and payable on or before November 1941, Note No 2, due and payable on or before November 15th, 1942; said notes of even date here with and drawing 8 per cent interest from date; said notes payable at Jacksonville, Texas, to the said Mrs. Nannie Elkins,; said

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notes containing the usual attorney fee and acceleration clauses, have Granted, Sold and Convey, unto the said M. L. Smelley of the County of Cherokee, State of Texas, all that certain Tract or parcel of land situated in Cherokee County, Texas and described as follows, towit; Being a part of the Janes Ford Headright and labor, and the same land, less 40 rt acres, set apart and that became the property of Edward Knight in a division of 320 acres of land, of said headright, between the said Edward Knight and Thos. W. Knight, and the east half of said 320 acres, divided as aforesaid, less 40 acres taken off of the west part of the said Edward Knight's 160 acres described as follows, towit;

BEGINNING at a rock in the N. end of the dividing line between Edward Knight and Thos. E. Knight's division of 320 acres of the said James Ford headright; Thence with the D. J. Tidwell or land belonging to him in 1886, line, east 697-69/100 vrs. to a post from which a B. J. 12 in. dia brs N: 62 deg E 4 vrs. a post oak 16 in. dia brs N.50 deg. E 14 vrs; Thence South 1294 46/100 vrs. to the S. B. line of the said Ford League, a post from which a red oak 20 in dia brs S 6 vrs; Thence West 696 -89/100 vrs. to a post, the south end of said dividing line and the S. E. corner of the said Thos.. W. Knight's division line; Thence with said dividing line, North 1290 40/100 vrs to the place of beginning, containing, less the said 40 acres of the west end of said 160 acre tract, 120 acres, more or less, and being the same described in a certain .. from J. W. Smith to T. T. Smith, by deed of date of Feb. 20th, 1883, to which deed and record thereof reference is here made, and being the same tract of land described in plaintiff's original petition in a certain foreclosure suit filed in the Dist. Court of Cherokee County, Texas, on Sept. 18th, 1886, styled J. W. Smith Vs. Thos. T. Smith, to which description reference is here made, and being also the same land described in a deed from Mrs. S. J. Smith, as guardian of the estate of T. J. Smith, a person of unsound mind, to W. J. Elkins, by deed dated Nov. 4th, 1910, and recorded in Vol. 52, pages 353-354 of the Deed records of Cherokee County, Texas, to which deed and record thereof reference is here made.

“It is hereby expressly agreed and understood that out of the grant hereby made, there is excepted and reserved to the grantors herein one-half of all the oil and gas royalty, on and under and that may be produced from said land and premises herein described and conveyed; and it is hereby expressly agreed and understood that the grantors herein, their heirs and assignees, shall have and they hereby have the right and power to enter an and upon said land or any part thereof for the sole and only purpose of operating for oil and gas upon or under said land, and of laying pipe lines, building tanks, shafts, tunnels, power stations, and to take all and necessary means for working, preparing, getting and removing said products from under and away from said land and premises.”

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said M. L. Smelley, his heirs and assigns forever and we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, to Warrant and Forever Defend, all and singular the said premises unto the said M. L. Smelley, his heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming, or

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to claim the same, or any part thereof.

But it is expressly agreed and stipulated that the Vendor's Lien is retained against the above described property, premises and improvements, until the above described note, and all interest thereon are fully paid according to their face and tenor, effect and reading, when this deed shall become absolute.

WITNESS our hand. at Jacksonville, Texas, this 22nd day of July, 1940.

R. S. \$ 1.65

Nannie C. Elkins

Sophia Elkins

St. Tax\$.30

G. L. Elkins

Edward E. Carson

Nancy Elkins

Vera L. Carson

V. C. Elkins

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE,

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Nannie Elkins a widow, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given tinder my hand end seal of office, this the 31st day of July, A. D. 1940.

W. O. Whatley, Notary Public in and
for Cherokee County, Texas.

(Seal)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TARRANT,

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared G. L. Elkins and Nancy Elkins, his wife, both know to me to be the persons those names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to
(acknowledgement copy ended here)

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